

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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National Seed Mission
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had planned National Seed Mission (NSM) with the objective to provide incentive based assistance to support private sector seed producing organisations in collaboration with the public sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the production and availability of quality certified seeds in the country has been achieved under the Mission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): National Seeds Mission was planned during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plans, which was restructured as 'Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)' under National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET) subsuming the earlier Central Sector Schemes 'Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds' and Implementation of PVP Legislations. SMSP is being implemented w.e.f. 01.04.2014 on all India basis with the objective to develop/strengthen seed sector and to enhance production and multiplication of high yielding certified/ quality seeds of all agricultural crops and making it available to the farmers at affordable prices and also to create an effective system for protection of plant varieties, rights of farmers and plant breeders in order to encourage development of new varieties of plants.

Under one of the components of the scheme viz. 'Assistance for Boosting Seed Production in Private Sector', credit linked back ended subsidy @40% of the capital cost of the product in general areas and 50% in case of hilly and scheduled areas subject to an upper limit of Rs.150 lakhs per project is allowed. National Seeds Corporation (NSC) is the nodal agency for implementing this component.

(c) & (d): Financial assistance is provided to the State and implementing agencies for seed related activities through various ongoing Crop Development Schemes/programmes including SMSP. During the year 2014-15, production/availability of certified/quality seeds was 351.77 lakh Qtls. against the requirement of 343.56 lakh Qtls. The production and availability of certified/ quality seeds during the year 2015-16 is 343.52 lakh Qtls. against the requirement 337.09 lakh Qtls.
